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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

SUBJECT Direction-Finder Station Northeast
of Gotha

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1. The direction finder station, which had allegedly been constructed in the fall of 1956, was located on a hill northeast of Gotha. The station occupied an area of 1000 meters and was surrounded by a 1-meter high wooden fence. Inside of the fence, 5 wooden masts were arranged around a steel mast, which was 8 to 10 meters high. Immediately behind the steel mast was a primitive wooden shed, approximately 10x10 meters. Guard personnel was quartered in an underground shelter, some 250 meters from the direction finder station.
2. The direction finder station was operated around the clock by one man in 6-hour shifts. The operating personnel, reportedly trained members of the MFS, wore civilian clothes. The unit which furnished the personnel was stationed in the 17th Army unit on Langensalzaer Strasse in Gotha. The small shed in which the direction finder station was equipped with several sets of headphones and frequently turned a knob on a scale. The operator notes and reportedly transmitted messages by Morse code. 50X1-HUM
3. [REDACTED] the installation was a direction finder station which had been in existence since 1956 and was to be transferred after approximately 9 months. [REDACTED] among other installations, they were going to establish the Erfurt-Bindewiesen airfield, as well as radio traffic between ground installations and aircraft. 50X1-HUM
4. The personnel at the direction finder station was one man from Erfurt, frequently by a Soviet officer who was said to be doing so.

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Description of Attachments:

Attachment A: A sketch showing the location of the Direction Finding Station
Attachment B: A sketch which corresponds to the legend and identifies installations at the Direction Finding Station.



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Legend

- 1 wooden direction finder shed, 2 x 2 x 2 meters;
- 2 steel mast, 3 - 10 meters high
- 3 5 braced wooden masts, appr 5 - 6 meters high
- 4 5 bare wires, which connected the 5 wooden masts with the steel mast; the wires joined in the upper half of the steel mast in a small wooden box and, from there, led to the direction finder shed;
- 5 bare wires, which interconnected the wooden poles
- 6 wooden fence, about 1 meter high;
- 7 entrance of installation;
- 8 untilled terrain.

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ANNEXES

1. The direction finder station, which had allegedly been constructed in the fall of 1956, was located on a hill northeast of Gotha. The station occupied an area of 10x10 meters and was surrounded by a 1-meter high wooden fence. Inside of the fence, 5 wooden nests were arranged around a steel mast, which was 8 to 10 meters high. Immediately beside the steel mast was a primitive wooden shed, approximately 2x2x2 meters. Guard personnel was quartered in an underground bunker, [REDACTED] from the direction finder station.

clock by

[REDACTED]
on Langensalzaer Straße. [REDACTED]
direction finder station was equipped with [REDACTED].
The operator, who had hardly room enough to sit, always wore headphones and frequently turned a knob on a scale. He took notes and reportedly transmitted messages by Morse code.

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3. [REDACTED] the installation was a direction finder station which had been in existence since 1956 and was to be transferred after approximately 9 months. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
[REDACTED] among other installations, they were going to control the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield, as well as radio traffic between ground installations and aircraft.

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4. The personnel at the direction finder station was controlled from Erfurt, frequently by a Soviet officer who was authorized to do so.

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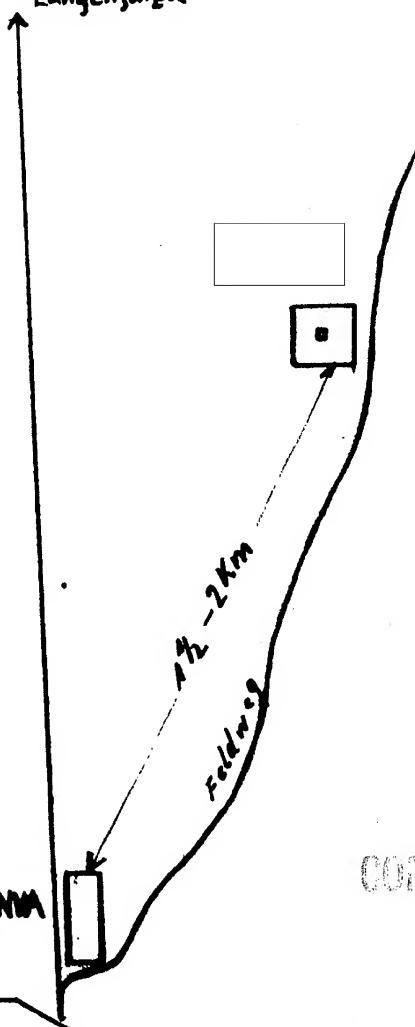
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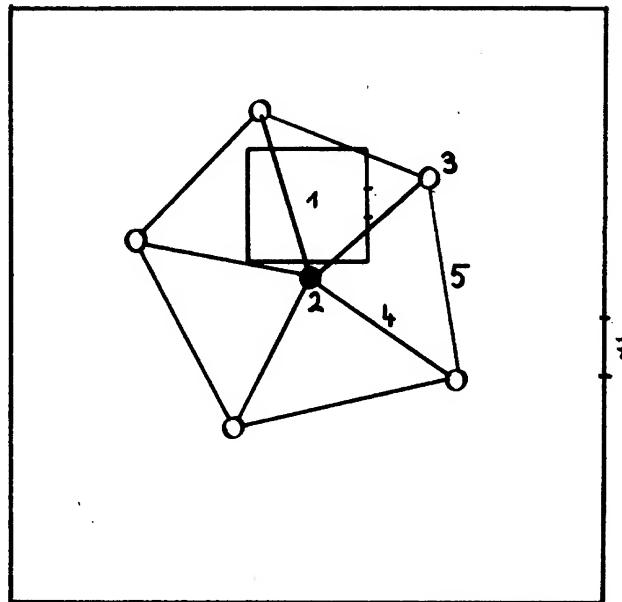
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